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Please amend paragraph 12 as follows:

Figure 1 illustrates the anti-intrusion reinforcement member mounting plate 10 of the present invention. The plate 10 includes securing features ~~22, and~~ 24 to secure the plate 10 to a vehicle door. The plate 10 also includes a plurality of reinforcement member mounting interfaces ~~12, and~~ 14 for a reinforcement member 16, allowing one type of plate 10 to be fitted to different fixing points in the door and to different reinforcement members 16. Regardless of the position of the reinforcement members 16 in the door, the reinforcement members 16 can be fixed to the door with the plate 10, simplifying production of the mounting interfaces ~~12, and~~ 14. The plate 10 can also be fitted to different types of doors, depending on the door length.

Please amend paragraph 17 as follows:

~~Securing~~The securing features ~~22, and~~ 24 fix the reinforcement members 16 to the vehicle door 9. The securing feature~~features 22, 24 include~~ includes a mounting plate ~~22~~. Preferably, the mounting plate ~~22~~ is integral with the mounting interfaces ~~12, and~~ 14, facilitating production of the mounting plate ~~22~~. The shape of the mounting plate ~~22~~ depends on the mounting point of the mounting plate ~~22~~ to the door 9.

Please amend paragraph 18 as follows:

The mounting plate ~~22~~ is fixed to a ridge on the door panel 9. The mounting plate ~~22~~ has a U-shaped cross-section that follows the shape of the ridge on the door panel 9. The securing ~~feature~~~~features 22, 24~~ also includes securing devices 24 to fix the mounting plate ~~22~~ to the door panel 9. In one example, the securing devices ~~24~~ are bolts. However, it is to be understood that other fixing methods, such as welding, can be utilized.

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Please amend paragraph 19 as follows:

The mounting interfaces 12, and 14 fix the reinforcement member 16 to the door 9 and provide the link between the reinforcement members 16 and the door 9. The mounting interfaces 12, and 14 receive and immobilize the reinforcement member 16. In one example, the reinforcing member 16 is secured to the mounting interfaces 12, and 14 by welding. However, it is to be understood that the reinforcing member 16 can be secured to the mounting interfaces 12, and 14 by any method.

Please amend paragraph 21 as follows:

Preferably, the mounting interfaces 12, 14 have different orientations. In one example, the mounting interfaces 12, and 14 extend along the longitudinal axes 18, and 20, respectively. The axes 18 and 20 have different orientations and are inclined relative to each other. Therefore, the plate 10 can be fixed to different points on the door 9, and the reinforcement member 16 can be fixed to one of the mounting interfaces 12, and 14. That is, one type of plate 10 can provide several reinforcement member-mounting positions.

Please amend paragraph 22 as follows:

The different orientations of the longitudinal axes 18, and 20 allow the reinforcement members 16 to be inclined to a greater or lesser extent relative to the longitudinal direction of the vehicle. If the reinforcement member 16 is inclined a great deal relative to the longitudinal direction of the vehicle, it may be approximately diagonal to the part of the door 9 located underneath the window. If the reinforcing member 16 is only slightly inclined relative to the longitudinal direction of the vehicle, the reinforcement member 16 is placed level with the pelvises of the vehicle's occupants.

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Please amend paragraph 23 as follows:

In one embodiment, the mounting interfaces 12, and 14 are channels having the longitudinal axis 18, and 20, respectively. The channels have an elongated shape in this example to allow insertion of the reinforcement member 16. The mounting interface channels 12, and 14 are utilized to immobilize the reinforcement member 16 perpendicular to its longitudinal axis 18, and 20, respectively, improving the fixing of the reinforcement member 16 to the door 9. The reinforcement member 16 may also be immobilized in the other directions by welding. The longitudinal axes 18 and 20 are inclined relative to each other so that they can retain the reinforcement members 16 in different orientations. If the reinforcement member 16 is a beam having a circular cross-section, the mounting interface channels 12, and 14 can have a rounded bottom to improve retention of the reinforcement member 16.

Please amend paragraph 24 as follows:

The present invention also relates to an assembly including an anti-intrusion reinforcement member 16 and a reinforcement member mounting plate 10. The assembly can be fitted in several positions in the door 9 because it has a plurality of mounting interfaces 12, and 14. The assembly can also include several mounting plates 10. For example, a reinforcement member 16 having a longitudinal shape may be fixed at each end to the door by a plate 10. The same type of plate 10 may be used for mounting the reinforcement member 16 because the plates 10 have several mounting interfaces 12, and 14, reducing the number of types of plates 10 to be produced.